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Dear Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim ~~21~~ to read as follows: (See also Appendix A)

21. (Amended) A process for producing a paper wrapper having reduced ignition proclivity characteristics when incorporated into a smoking article comprising the following steps:

providing a paper wrapper comprised of a paper web;

applying multiple layers of a film-forming composition to said paper wrapper at particular locations, said multiple layers including at least a first layer and a